



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Parks and Leisure Committee
Subject:	Update on refurbishment of Dunville and Woodvale Parks
Date:	10 January 2013
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1	Relevant Background Information
	<p>The Committee will be aware that work is underway at both Dunville Park and Woodvale Park. The contractors took possession of each respective site on 25 June 2012, both are 12 month contracts and work is scheduled to be completed by the end of June 2013.</p> <p>Construction works</p> <p>Steady progress continues to be made at Dunville Park. Work is underway on the synthetic pitch; fencing is erected and the base sections of the six floodlight columns have been installed. The pavilion roof slab has also been placed in position.</p> <p>Work to the perimeter wall and railing has commenced and is well advanced.</p> <p>The base course of the trim trail and paths is completed.</p> <p>The pillars at the Falls Road and Sorrella St/Grosvenor Rd entrances have been completed. The fountain has been cleaned and remedial works have commenced.</p> <p>Similarly, work at Woodvale has been steady. Members will recall that the work did not commence at this site until after the July holiday period.</p> <p>To date work has been concentrated on the pitches and the MUGA.</p>

	<p>Work will now focus on the allotment area which will permit work on the Events Area nearest the MUGA to commence.</p> <p>The Contractor's revised layout of the Garden Store has been submitted to Planning Service as an application for Full Permission. Building Regulations changed at the end of October and the revised layout has now been submitted to Building Control.</p> <p>Future Management Options</p> <p>Members will be aware that work has been ongoing with a view to developing a model for managing the parks which will bring about greater involvement of the local community.</p> <p>A report has now been produced which sets out a proposed structure which will enable representatives from within the community to sit on a joint management advisory committee and which will primarily work to increase usage of the park and integrate it with existing programmes and activities within each of the areas.</p> <p>Further discussions will be held with both communities and a further report will be brought to Committee on the issue.</p>
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2	Key Issues
	<p>The Committee is asked to note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The completion of both projects remains on schedule for June 2013; 2. There has been no significant anti social behaviour issues reported to date; 3. Work is ongoing to engage with the community in a more integrated and coherent way to develop programmes and activities to encourage greater positive use of the parks.

3	Resource Implications
	<p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>There are no additional financial implications.</p> <p><u>Human Resources</u></p> <p>There are no additional human resource implications</p>

4	Equality and Good Relations Considerations
	There are no equality implications

5	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to note the report.

6	Decision Tracking
	A further report will be brought to Committee in April 2013.

7	Key to Abbreviations
	MUGA – Multi Use Games Area

8	Documents Attached
	None